

Fire Commission Meeting

July 15, 2015

Meeting began at 1930 hours, gaveled by Chairman Tucker. A sign-in sheet was passed around.

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) provided a short opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and provided us with an update on our sick and injured members.

Office of the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) reported that a memo had just come out identifying SCBA regulators that needed to be flow tested. Jim stated that the Ambulance Billing balance statements have come out to the stations and covers up unto June. Jim reminded everyone that the 911 Stair-climb registrations are now open for participants and that currently we are at the 89 percent in fittest compliance.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) advised that we are currently working on a couple of PPE issues with Logistics and if anyone has any issues he advises for personnel to not argue with the personnel at Logistics, come see us at the Fire Commission. We need to be made aware of issues so that we can resolve them. Kenny stated that the Patriot Fire paperwork had been submitted for consideration as a County vendor and that the Recruiter car had been moved from the FSB Building to Apparatus Maintenance for some minor repair. Kenny advised that he had the Station Management Contracts for District 3.

Kenny requested an approval of an expenditure for Station 42, \$4146.00 (emergency lighting package for Chiefs Car) – **Motioned and Approved.**

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) provided a short introduction to the members in attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) placed a motion on the floor to approve and publish the newly revised LOSAP Manual. **Motioned and Approved**

Bill stated that he was in attendance at the County Council confirmation hearing held on July 7, 2015 for the Fire Commissioners and that he met with Deputy Chief Smedley on issues with the Cadet Program and the upcoming Public Safety Career Awareness Day. Bill stated that he attended the work session on July 14, 2015 and closed his report with a reminder to the members in attendance that many of the stations he visits, the individual members continue to bring up that duty uniforms are not available to them for the times that they are manning their stations and apparatus.

Bill requested an approval to increase the Uniform Fund for FY16 from \$1000.00 to \$1500.00. – **Motioned and Approved**

Bill stated that this is one of the intended purposes of the uniform allowance fund.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) announced that he is working on an information outreach program so that the Commission would be able to disseminate information faster and reach a larger portion of the department members better.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) requested an approval on the following Fire Fighter I Equivalencies:

Brett Retsman, Station 14 – Motioned and Approved

Corey Lockhart, Station 33 (pending receipt of a valid CPR Card) – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the Commission meeting minutes from July 1, 2015. – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby requested an approval of an expenditure request from Station 24, \$5055.00 (heat exchanger) – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner King (Buddy) requested approval of the LOSAP research on the following members:

Edward Payne III, #6449, Station 9, increase from 18 years to 19 years – **Motioned and Approved**

George Amyx, #14245, Station 19, increase from 24 years to 25 years – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy reminded everyone that the 2015 LOSAP Company Reports are due to the Commission by September 1, 2015. Buddy stated that the following LOSAP Spouse Award corrections have been processed:

Karen Staub, Co. 10, Roberta Machande, Co. 19, Linda Thomas and Marion Alexander
Buddy stated that he is missing receipts for 2014 Approved Company Reports from Stations 8, 12, 17 and 32.

Volunteer Recruiter Smith (Brittany) advised that she has the Station Management Contracts for District 5. Representatives from those Stations can see her for their contract package.

PGCVFRA President Walker (Chuck) stated that he had no report.

LAPGCVFRA Vice President Gardner (Kitty) advised that the next Ladies meeting would be held August 6, 2015 at the Greenbelt VFD and that the Ladies Scholarship submittal deadline is August 1, 2015.

Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) announced that the deadline for submittal of names for the Founders Day is July 21, 2015.

Beltsville VFD President Dickie (Margie) was recognized and announced that after reading through the new Station Management Contract that the spending term for VSU money is missing from the Contract. After some discussion by the Commissioners and the members in attendance, Commissioner Breen requested that a simple addendum be made to the Contract to include the length of time Stations have to spend their VSU monies. After approval by Deputy Chief McClelland, the request was **Motioned and Approved**.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) announced that the next meeting would be held at the FSB on August 5, 2015 at 1930 hours.

Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) held benediction and a motion was made to adjourn – **Motioned and Approved**

Minutes recorded and typed by Bobby Breen, Commissioner and Secretary 